ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEEDS OF LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

I. Calendar or Year Book for 1898.

II. Some Incidents Showing Results of the Work.

The former leaflet bearing this title by Mrs. James has been out of print for some time and a revised edition is much needed.

III. A Revision of Historical Sketches of the Missions Among the North American Indians.

We have less than two hundred copies of this pamphlet and will need a revised edition for future use.

IV. Historical Sketches of the Missions Among the Mexicans.

V. Historical Sketches of the Missions Among the Mormons.

VI. Historical Sketches of the Missions Among the Mountain People.

VII. Questions and Answers on the New West.

This should be a leaflet similar to our Question Exercises.

VIII. A Short Alaskan Story.

IX. A Sketch of Indian Life Giving Manners and Customs.

X. Question Exercise on "The Foreigners".

XI. Brief Responsive Bible Reading on the Treasury.

XII. We have frequent calls for Home Mission Exercises appropriate for the use of children's bands at Easter and Christmas times; also for children's praise meetings. Requests have also come for a Birthday Exercise for children.

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1898.

I. Calendar for 1899.

The calendar for 1898 has met with such favor that one for 1899 will surely be expected by our societies.

II. Monthly leaflet on the regular topics.

Something in the form of "Field Echoes" issued by our Young People's Department would be inexpensive and just suited to the needs of our societies. Requests come frequently for facts and incidents briefly stated, which may be used in monthly meetings. Such calls are more often received from little out-of-the-way country places. Miss Jones assures me that the Young People's Department is much in need of such material for use in young people's societies, and it might be that this department would share the expense of such a publication. Our Woman's Foreign Boards are this year issuing something of the kind each month.

III. Historical Sketches are an imperative need.

IV. Question Exercise on "The Foreigners".

V. Question Exercise or Historical Sketch entitled "The Woman's Board of Home Missions".

VI. A Question Exercise - "The Treasury".

VII. Exercise for Junior Meetings.

This should include Home Mission Exercises for Christmas, New Years, Easter and Fourth of July. Also a Child's Praise Service, Birthday, Mite Box and Anniversary or Annual Meeting exercise. (Much needed)

VIII. Duties of Synodical Secretary of Literature.

IX. Duties of Presbyterial Secretary of Literature.

X. Duties of Local Secretary of Literature.

Our stock of the above publications is entirely exhausted, and we need revised reprints at the earliest opportunity.

XI. Responsive Bible Reading - "The Treasury".

(Suggestion - Miss Lincoln might be asked to prepare this.)

XII. A short self-denial story.

This is needed for distribution previous to holding Services of Humiliation and Prayer. We have frequent requests for such a story.

XIII. Leaflet entitled "Denomination Loyalty".

This should be adapted specially to young people.

XIV. Prize Leaflets.

Some years since an amount of money was offered for prize leaflets and, I am sure, the result was more satisfactory to our Literature Department, and also to societies. Would it not be well to adapt such a plan to meet the present need of good new leaflets?

PRAISE MEETING MATERIAL.

XV. Annual Services of Prayer and Praise.

Our leaflet bearing this title is out of print. In place of it and "Praise Meetings", which is little called for now, may we have a new leaflet giving general information and plans in detail for holding Praise Meetings? This could also include suggested plans for Services of Humiliation and Prayer.

XVI. Praise Meeting Invitation.

The form of the invitation now in use is three years old, and it would be well to have something a little different for next year. If we might sell them at twenty-five or even thirty-five cents per hundred copies, I think they could be disposed of in larger numbers.

XVII. Praise Meeting Program.

Of the new Praise Service published in October '97 we have remaining in stock only about one hundred copies. Shall a reprint be ordered now, or shall we have a new service for next year?

XVIII. Poem.

The poem "As He Hath Prospered Thee" has proved so acceptable to send with Praise Meeting Invitations that it has been used by the larger number of our best working societies. Two editions of ten thousand each and one of three thousand have been exhausted. We need a similar new leaflet.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEEDS OF LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

1899.

I. Calendar for 1900.

This should be printed, ready for distribution by October 1, 1899, so as to be placed on sale at fall presbyterial meetings. If it can be ready by this date, we should be able to dispose of an edition of 8000 copies.

II. Monthly leaflet on the regular topics.

Something in the form of "Field Echoes" issued by our Young People's Department some time ago would be inaxpensive and just suited to the needs of our societies. Requests come frequently for facts and incidents briefly stated, which may be used in monthly meetings. Such calls are more often received from little out-of-the-way country places. The Young People's Department is much in need of such material for use in young people's societies, and it might be that this department would share the expense of such a publication.

III. Historical Sketches.

Missions among the Mormons.
Missions among the Mountain People.
(Dr. Jackson has promised to revise our leaflet "Facts about Alaska")

IV. Question Exercise on "The Foreigners".

V. Question Exercise or Historical Sketch entitled "The Woman's Board of Home Missions".

VI. A Question Exercise - "The Treasury".

VII. Leaflets explaining duties of local, presbyterial and synodical secretaries of literature. These are needed immediately.

VIII. Responsive Bible Reading - "The Treasury".

IX. One or two good self-denial stories.

X. Short incidents showing the needs or results of the work, printed cheaply so as to be sold at twenty-five or thirty-five cents per hundred.

(Mrs. Pierson has an Alaskan story which might be used in this way.)

XI. Baby Band Certificate.

Something new and attractive in form is desirable. A short leaflet developing methods of organization for a Baby Band to accompany certificate would be useful.

PRAISE MEETING MATERIAL.

XII. Annual Services of Prayer and Praise.

Our leaflet bearing this title is out of print. In place of it and "Praise Meetings" which is little called for now, may we have a new leaflet giving general information and plans in detail for holding praise meetings? This could also include suggested plans for Services of Humiliation and Prayer.

XIII. Praise Meeting Programs.

Of the edition of ten thousand copies of the "Service" issued in October 1898, we have but a very limited supply on hand. As the same societies order these programs each year I would suggest that a new one be prepared for next year.

XIV. Thank-offering Narrative.

XV. Poem on the subject of "Giving" to enclose with Praise Meeting Invitations. (Rev. Mr. Allen of Newark has promised to write one, but we need it immediately.)

XVI. Thank-offering Envelope.

The envelope now in use has served our societies for several years, and I am sure they would be glad to receive something different in form, color or type.

XVII. Thank-offering Mite Box.

SUGGESTIONS.

XVIII. If the accompanying incident "The Widow's Mites" by Rev. Chas. H. Spurgeon meets the approval of the committee, may it be reprinted so as to be sold at fifteen or twenty-five cents per hundred?

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEEDS OF LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

FEBRUARY 1900.

I. Calendar 1901.

The "Department" wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Publication Committee for having the calendar for 1900 ready September 15th. By placing it on sale at this early date, we were able to send it to the fall presbyterial meetings and to dispose of every copy of the edition printed, five thousand copies.

We recommend that the calendar for 1901 be a joint publication of the Woman's Board and the Board of Home Missions, that it contain a larger number of pages than previous calendars issued, so as to provide space for the work by the Board. It can still be sold at ten cents per copy if this be done. It might also contain small maps and more statistics regarding the work, so as to be made useful for pastors in the preparation of their monthly concert of prayer for Home Missions.

II. We are much in need of literature on the following monthly topics.

January ------- Our Country
May ---------- Woman's Work
August -------- Foreigners
September ----- Forecast and Rally
(On this topic we need a leaflet giving the general "outlook" in our country.)

III. Question Exercises.

The Foreigners.
The Treasury.
What is Home Mission Work? (A leaflet showing how our work differs from local work and how we are responsible to it first.)

IV. Historical Sketch of Woman's Board of Home Missions.

V. Responsive Scripture Reading - "The Treasury".

VI. Praise Meeting Program for November 1901.

May I suggest that the Publication Committee recommend to the committee having in charge the preparation of our monthly topics that the topics for November and February be transferred to some other months or combined with other topics so as to devote these months entirely to the Praise Service and to the Service of Humiliation and Prayer. So few of our societies, comparatively, observe these two special services. If no other topic were placed on our list many more would do so, and would take special collections which would be a great advantage to our treasury.

VII. Leaflet on Praise Meetings and Services of Humiliation and Prayer.

(a) How to arrange for them.
(b) How to conduct them.

This leaflet might treat somewhat of the history of these movements from their beginning.

VIII. Poem to enclose with Praise Meeting Invitations.

IX. Shall we change the form of our Praise Meeting Invitation and Envelope for next year?

X. Short incidents showing the needs or results of the work printed cheaply so as to be sold at twenty-five or thirty-five cents per hundred.

XI. Good new narratives on any topic.

Stories for children on any topic. Stories descriptive of child-life among the Alaskans, Indians, and Mexicans. Self-denial story for children.
(These are greatly needed!!)

XII. Mrs. Hill's paper on Indian Totems.

(Mrs. L.C. Hill read a paper on this topic at our January meeting which might make a good leaflet for us. I merely offer this as a suggestion.)

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MARCH 25, 1901.

I. **Calendar for 1902.**

The criticisms regarding the last calendar are very favorable. "The best Home Mission Calendar ever issued" is the opinion of many of our workers. The color, style of the cover, and the entire make-up, have been appreciated and frequently commended.

Our Literature Department is again grateful to the Publication Committee for having the calendar ready for distribution at the early fall presbyterial meetings.

II. **Leaflets bearing on the following monthly topics are greatly needed.**

January ----------? (What will the topic be for 1902)
May ----------Porto Rico
August ----------The Foreigners
September --------Forecast and Rally. (For this topic we need a leaflet giving the general outlook in our country.)
October ----------Mormonism. (We should have a leaflet regarding missions among the Mormons. All we now have treat of Mormonism.)

III. **Question Exercises.**

Porto Rico
Foreigners
The Treasury
Mountain People of the South
What is Home Mission Work? (A leaflet showing how our work differs from local church work and how societies are first responsible to it.)

IV. **Praise Service for 1902.**

The stock of ten thousand copies of the new Praise Service for this year is about exhausted.

V. **Service of Humiliation and Prayer 1902.**

(Very few copies of these services were sent out this past year.)

VI. **Shall we change the form of our Praise Meeting Invitation and Envelope next year?**

VII. **Leaflet on Praise Meetings and Services of Humiliation and Prayer.**

(a) How to arrange for them.
(b) How to conduct them.
(This leaflet should treat the history of these movements from their beginning.)

VIII. Poem to enclose with Praise Meeting Invitations.

Miss Julia H. Johnston has just been asked to write one for us, but we should have two or three.

IX. Historical Sketch of Woman's Board of Home Missions.

X. Responsive Scripture Reading - "The Treasury".

XI. Responsive Scripture Reading for use in children's band meeting and the "Junior Hour" in annual presbyterial or other meetings.

XII. Short incidents showing the needs and results of the work printed cheaply so as to be sold at twenty-five or thirty-five cents per hundred.

XIII. Leaflets describing child-life among the Alaskans, Indians, and Mexicans.

XIV. We need especially short descriptive or narrative leaflets on each of our fields written and printed in attractive form for the perusal of and general distribution among children under twelve years of age.

XV. Frequent calls come to our Literature department for printed matter that will aid in the preparation of "Map talk". To meet this demand may we not have a "Map Talk" for each of our six fields? We either need leaflets of this kind or a series covering the fields similar to Mrs. Pierson's "Presbyterian Missions in Alaska". The"Map Talk" would, however, prove more acceptable because it would necessarily contain all that this leaflet includes and much more of just the kind of information that our societies are demanding.

XVI. A short leaflet showing how and what Presbyterian women are doing for Home Missions.

This should be a leaflet that will leave a good impression of the needs and results of our work upon the minds of cultured and educated women who have never before heard of it.

XVII. Some years ago Rev. D.E. Finks prepared a pamphlet entitled "Significant Facts and Figures", the figures for which were based upon the census of 1890. A revision of this publication based upon the results of the last census would be appreciated by our constituency.

XVIII. Reprints.

May we reprint in leaflet form

"The Lost Coin" - issued in the "Home Mission Monthly" of August 1899.
"Constitution for Junior Societies", prepared by Rev.W.E. Honeyman and printed in "Junior Hints and Helps".
Mrs. M.L.Wilder asks for a reprint of her leaflet "Why That Society was a Success". May we grant her request?